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Attn: Customer Service Representative Mrs. Trudy M. Mitchell
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Sir:

This document and those being transmitted therewith are being submitted in response to instructions received by the undersigned in a telephone conference conducted on January 12, 2001, with Customer Service Representative Trudy M. Mitchell (hereinafter "the January 12 Telephone Conference").

On August 31, 2000, Applicant arranged for the hand delivery to the Group 3762 receptionist of the following documents which are attached herewith as Exhibit A:

1. Transmittal for Amendment After Allowance (3 pages); and
2. Amendment After Allowance (3 pages).

As evidence that the items attached as Exhibit A were hand delivered in the above manner, attached as Exhibit B is a Certificate of Hand Delivery executed by an agent of the undersigned and a return postcard, both of which list the documents attached as Exhibit A and both of which are stamped as having been received on August 31, 2000, by the Technology Center 3700 receptionist.

Despite the documented hand delivery described above, in January 12 Telephone Conference the undersigned was advised that the documents attached as Exhibit A did not appear in the computer records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In view of the absence of the file wrapper for this matter from Art Unit 3762 at the chosen contractor of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for final data capture preparatory to the issuance of a patent, it could not be verified that the documents attached as Exhibit A were even present therein.

Therefore, in order to permit study of and action based on the above-listed documents by an officer of the United States Patent and Trademark Office at an appropriate future time prior to the issuance of a patent in this matter, this document and the Exhibits A and B attached hereto are being resubmitted by hand delivery to Customer Service Representative Mitchell.

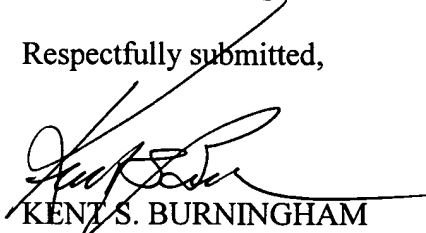
It is respectfully requested that the documents so submitted be retained thereby for eventual entry into the computer records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and into the file wrapper for the subject application at an appropriate future time prior to the issuance of a patent in this matter.

The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein based on the knowledge of the undersigned are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and

further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements, and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the subject application or any patent that may issue therefrom.

DATED this 12th day of January, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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